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SUBJECT: WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS: LUTES AND BRANDLEY

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1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE HQ OF THE AFRICAN EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP (AEF) AND THE CANADIAN EMBASSY ON THE CASE OF DONALD LUTES (CANADIAN) AND WILHELM BRANDLEY (SWISS). THE MOST RECENT WORD THE AEF HAD, FROM TWO MISSIONARIES WHO ARRIVED IN SOUTH AFRICA SEPTEMBER 28, IS THAT BRANDLEY AND LUTES ARE STILL BEING HELD BY MPLA IN SA DA BANDEIRA, THE FORMER UNDER HOUSE ARREST AND THE LATTER IN THE JAIL.

2. THE CANADIAN EMBASSY INTENDS TO REQUEST THE PORTUGUESE
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MILITARY IN LISBON TO ASK THEIR COMMANDER IN SA DA BANDEIRA

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TO INTERCEDE ON LUTES BEHALF. THE CANADIANS REITERATED
THEIR OFFER TO DISPATCH AN OFFICER TO ANGOLA, IF YOU
FEEL ONE WOULD BE OF ASSISTANCE.

3. PLEASE ADVISE US OF ANY FURTHER INFORMATION YOU
HAVE ON THE STATUS OF THESE TWO MISSIONARIES. INGERSOLL

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